THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The distribution of power from the Kalpakkam Atomic Power Station is based on the decision to allocate the entire output of the first unit and half of the output of the second unit to Tamil Nadu. The balance output of the second unit is earmarked for the neighbouring States in the Southern Region for distribution in accordance with the Central formula in respect of sharing of power.

The Andhra Pradesh authorities, who had requested for reviewing the matter, were informed of the position.

Petrol pumps allotted to Kerala

3679. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol pumps allotted to Kerala during the last two years;

(b) whether any petrol pumps have been allotted for Calicut; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The Oil Industry has allotted 34 Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) dealerships in Kerala during the last two years; four out of these have been allotted in Calicut District as under:

S. No.	Name of the location
1.	Calicut (2)
2.	Balussery
3.	Elathur

Policy for granting new electricity connection by DESU

3680 SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state what is the present policy of Delhi Elecricity Supply Undertaking (DESU) for granting new electricity connections for unauthorisedly built-up shops, houses and religious places on land owned by Government, DDA and M.C.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): Under the existing rules, new electricity connections in unauthorisedly built up shops, houses and religious places on the public land are not permissible as the prospective consumer in such cases is not in a position to produce a valid proof of occupancy of the premises where a connection is sought. A non-domestic electricity connection is admissible in a religious place subject to completion of usual commercial formalities.

DESU offices attached by the Public

3681. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many DESU offices were the subject matter of public rage between the period from 1st July, 1987 to 1st July, 1988;

(b) how many officers/engineers of DESU were manhandled by the employees and outsiders between 1st July, 1987 to 31st July, 1988; and

(c) what action has been taken by the DESU management to protect the office buildings and its employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Power production by using liquefied Natural Gas

3682. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has suggested for replacing the use of coal by hydrocarbons

—liquefied natural gas (LNG) in power generation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the benefits likely to be accrued in power sector as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government have undertaken any detailed feasibility study to evolve a perspective plan for the use of LNG; if so, what are the details thereof and the cost at which power would be available to the industry with the use of LNG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) had suggested a policy orientation towards substitution of coal by a greater use of hylrocarbons as the primary energy source for power generation.

(b) According to the BICP, the cost of production and transportation of domestic coal has been rapidly increasing and its quality has been deteriorating. The BICP study, therefore, concludes that a shift to hydrocarbons will not only reduce costs, but would also require much less scarce capital resources in the coming plans for creating additional capacities in the power and transportation sectors. The Planning Commission has initiated a study on long-term energy modelling and the Government would take a view in the matter after the result of the Planning Commission's study is available.

(c) The Planning Commission has set up an Advisory Group on Perspective Plan for Natural Gas to look into the various aspects of natural ga utilisation and production.

Fixing price of Natural gas

3683. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has requested the Central Government for fixing the price of natural gas on the basis of coal equivalence at pithead;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Gujarat is in a disadvantageous position because of its being far from coal mines; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government to the request of the State Government regarding fixing the price of natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat have expressed their concern about coal equivalence determined after taking into account freight charges for transporting coal from long distance.

(c) The present price of natural gas is not fixed on the basis of coal equivalence as such.

Coal price equalisation scheme

3684. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals from various sources regarding equalisation of coal prices throughout India; if so, what is the response of Government thereto;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of steel and gas are uniform throughout India and that requests have been made by various coal consuming sectors for uniform pricing of coal in all parts of the country; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) Proposals have been received in the past from various quarters for the introduction of freight equalisation scheme in respect of coal. It